

## A. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Related Application section of the specification as follows:

[0001] This application is related to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/759,894,  
~~10/XXX,XXX~~, attorney-docket number 50277-2333, filed concurrently herewith, titled  
“Geographically Distributed Clusters,” naming as inventors Sashikanth Chandrasekaran  
and William F. Kehoe, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference  
for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.